



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 2329-08
20 November 2008

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 November 2008. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 29 August 1988 at age 18 after about three months of service in the Delayed Entry Program. On 20 January 1989 a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Report was submitted which indicated that you were abusing alcohol more than four times a week. On 23 January 1989 you acknowledged that you had been evaluated and found to be physiologically and psychologically dependent on alcohol. Based on this evaluation, you were processed for an administrative separation. At that time, you waived your procedural rights and stated that you did not object to separation. After review, the separation authority directed an entry level separation by reason of entry level performance and conduct and you were so separated on 2 February 1989. At that time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

Regulations allowed for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual was separated due to entry level performance and conduct. As indicated, the actual reason for your separation was your diagnosed alcohol dependence. Individuals separated for that reason are normally assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. Therefore, the Board concluded that the RE-4 reenlistment code was properly assigned and no change is warranted.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director